

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises adding an aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol to crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm, removing said 1,2-dichloroethane by azeotropic distillation to obtain a residual mixture, followed by collecting precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane from the residual mixture.

Claim 2 (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises:

(a) dissolving crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm in an aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol, and subjecting the resultant mixture to azeotropic distillation;

(b) stopping the distillation after the azeotropic distillation of said 1,2-dichloroethane is completed to obtain a residual mixture;

(c) cooling the residual mixture to precipitate crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane; and

(d) collecting the precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide by filtration and drying thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises:

(a) dissolving crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm in an aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol, and subjecting the resultant mixture to azeotropic distillation;

(b) stopping the distillation after the azeotropic distillation of said 1,2-dichloroethane is completed to obtain a residual mixture;

(c1) adding the same C₂₋₄ alcohol as used in (a) and/or water to the residual mixture obtained in (b), dissolving the residual mixture with heating, and cooling thereof to precipitate crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane; and

(d1) collecting the precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide by filtration and drying thereof.

Claim 4 (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol is an aqueous isopropanol.

Claim 5 (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol is isopropanol containing water in an amount of 35 to 65 % by volume.

Claim 6 (Original) The process according to claim 2, wherein the temperature at which the distillation is stopped is in the range of from 78°C to 100°C.

Claim 7 (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises ~~removing~~ adding an aqueous C₂₋₄ alcohol to crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm and distilling the resulting mixture, to remove at least some of the residual 1,2-dichloroethane from the crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm.